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1. USSR MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY TO TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER, DATED DEC 14, FROM DEPUTY MINISTER V.S. USTINOV TO MR. THOMAS V. GALKIE, DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF MINES:

DEAR MR. FALKIE:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 8, 1976. I RECALL WITH PLEASURE MY VISIT TO THE BUREAU OF MINES THIS FALL AND WANT TO THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN FOR THE HOSPITALITY SHOWN OUR DELEGATION.

IN THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATIONS WHICH WE HAD AT THE BUREAU OF MINES, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT THE USSR MINISTRY OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY IN ITS PRACTICAL WORK OF
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DEVELOPING THE USSR MINING-METALLURGICAL INDUSTRY HAS MANY TRENDS IN COMMON WITH THE ACTIVITIES OF YOUR BUREAU OF MINES. FOR THIS REASON WE CONSIDER THAT THE CONTINUATION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN THE BUREAU OF MINES AND THE MINISTRY COULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL.

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AT THE TIME OF OUR VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES IN OCTOBER 1976 WE HAD MEETINGS WITH THE LEADERSHIP OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF MINING, METALLURGICAL AND PETROLEUM ENGINEERS (AIME) AND AGREED ON ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT CO-OPERATION IN THE FOLLOWING FORMS:

(1) JOINT DISCUSSION OF CURRENT MUTUAL PROBLEMS IN THE TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY (HOLDING JOINT SEMINARS ALTERNATELY IN THE USA AND USSR).

(2) ORGANIZATION OF ORIENTATION VISITS FOR SPECIALISTS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES TO ENTERPRISES AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH CENTERS ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS.

(3) ASSISTANCE IN THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THE FIELD OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY.

(4) ASSISTANCE IN THE CREATION OF CONTACTS BETWEEN U.S. FIRMS AND NON-FERROUS ENTERPRISES IN THE USSR.

IT WAS AGREED THAT IN THE FIRST HALF OF 1977 A GROUP OF U.S. NON-FERROUS SPECIALISTS WILL MAKE A RETURN VISIT TO THE USSR, IN THE COURSE OF WHICH A CONCRETE PROGRAM OF CO-OPERATION WILL BE AGREED UPON FOR THE NEXT ONE-TWO YEARS. WE HEARTILY INVITE THE BUREAU OF MINES TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES AS PART OF THIS GROUP.

THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS MEETING WILL BE AGREED BY THE TWO SIDES IN ADVANCE THROUGH AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS.

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PERMIT ME TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT SPECIALISTS OF THE BUREAU OF MINES WILL TAKE PART IN THE GROUP OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS COMING TO THE USSR IN THE SPRING OF 1977.

I AM SENDING AN INFORMATION COPY OF THIS LETTER TO PROFESSOR NATHANIEL ARBITER, WHO HAS DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE AIME AND OUR-SELVES.

I WILL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OCCASION TO ASK THAT YOU ACCEPT MY NEW YEAR'S CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FOR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.
SINCERELY,

V.S. USTINOV, DEPUTY MINISTER OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY
(ORIGINAL RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE LETTER BEING POUCHED TO BUMINES.)

2. V.P. RAKOV, CHIEF, FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY

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OF NON-FERROUS METALLURGY, AND L.K. DAVYDOV, DEPUTY CHIEF, TOLD COMATT AND COMOFF DEC 27 THAT MINISTRY WILL PROPOSE ROCK PRESSURE PROBLEMS AS THEME FOR SPRING MEETING. PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE VISITS TO GINTSVETMET, GIREDMET, MEKHANOBR, AND GIPRONIKEL' INSTITUTES IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD AND ALMALYKSKIY MINING-METALLURGICAL COMPLEX AND ACHISAYSKIY MINING-BENEFICIATION COMPLEX NEAR TASHKENT. FORMAL PROPOSAL NOW UNDER PREPARATION FOR TRANSMITTAL TO ARBITER. WHEN COMOFFS STRESSED AIME'S INTEREST IN COMMERCIAL RESULTS, DAVYDOV SAID THAT TECHNICAL CONTACTS ARE NECESSARY PRE-CONDITION TO COMMERCIAL EXCHANGE BUT PROMISED TO INCLUDE SESSIONS WITH LITSENZINTORG OFFICIALS IN PROGRAM FOR SPRING MEETING.

3. EMBASSY SENDING REPORT OF CONVERSATION TO ARBITER ALONG WITH COPY OF USTINOV-FALKIE LETTER, BUT USDOC/BEWT MAY WISH TO PASS ALONG SUBSTANCE OF THIS CABLE BY PHONE.
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